

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (Original) A method for the temporary anti-corrosive treatment of a metal surface that consist predominantly of aluminum and/or zinc, said process comprising:

- a) placing the surface of the metal in contact with an anti-corrosive composition comprising 2.0 - 400 g/L phosphate ions, 0.5 - 400 g/L fluorometallate ions, and having a pH of between 1.0 - 4.0, for a time period of between 0.1 - 200 seconds;
- b) drying the anti-corrosive treatment composition on the metal surface to form a primary passivating coating on the metal surface;
- c) removing the primary passivating coating from the metal surface; and
- d) conversion coating the metal surface.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the ratio of fluorometallate anions and phosphate ions is 0.10:1.0 to 5.0:1.0.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the phosphate ions are provided in a 75% by weight phosphate solution, based on the total weight of the phosphate solution, and the fluorometallate ions are provided in a 50% by weight fluorometallate solution, based on the total weight of the fluorometallate solution.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the phosphate solution is present in the composition in an amount of 25 - 65 wt. % and the fluorometallate solution is present in the composition in an amount of 35 - 75 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising water present in an amount of 2 to 50 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition.

6. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the phosphate solution comprises phosphoric acid and the fluorometallate solution comprises hexafluorotitanic acid.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the phosphoric acid is present in the composition in an amount of 1.0-15.0 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition, and the hexafluorotitanic acid is present in an amount of 1.0-20.0 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition, and the composition further comprising water present in an amount of 45-98 wt. %, based on the total weight of the composition.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the metal surface comprises steel treated with a galvanic coating comprising aluminum, zinc and silicon.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the metal surface comprises steel treated with a galvanic coating comprising 55% aluminum, 43.5% zinc and 1.5% silicon.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the primary passivating coating metal surface is stored after step b) and prior to step c).

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the removal of step c) takes place by exposing the primary passivating coating to an alkaline solution prior to step d).

13.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method for the temporary anti-corrosive treatment of metal surface that consist predominately of aluminum and/or zinc, said method comprising:

a) placing the surface of the metal in contact with an anti-corrosive composition comprising 2.0-400 g/L phosphate ions, 0.5-400 g/L fluorometallate ions selected from the group

consisting of  $\text{TiF}_6^{-2}$ ,  $\text{ZrF}_6^{-2}$ ,  $\text{HfF}_6^{-2}$ ,  $\text{SiF}_6^{-2}$ ,  $\text{AlF}_6^{-3}$ ,  $\text{GeF}_6^{-2}$ ,  $\text{SnF}_6^{-2}$ , and  $\text{BF}_4^-$ , and having a pH of between 1.0-4.0, for a time period of between 0.1-200 seconds;

b) drying the anti-corrosive treatment composition on the metal surface to form a primary passivating coating on the metal surface;

c) leaving the primary passivating coating on the metal surface for a predetermined time period during shipping and storage of the metal surface;

d) exposing the primary passivating coating to an alkaline cleaner to remove removing the primary passivating coating from the metal surface; and

e) conversion coating the cleaned metal surface with a second corrosion resistant coating, the second corrosion resistant coating being a more permanent corrosion resistant coating then the primary passivating coating.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of 22 wherein the anti-corrosive composition consists essentially of phosphate ions, fluorometallate ions and water.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 wherein the fluorometallate ions are selected from the group consisting of  $\text{TiF}_6^{-2}$  and  $\text{ZrF}_6^{-2}$ .

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[24]]~~ 22 wherein the anti-corrosive composition ~~further comprises 0.1-150 g/L amino-phenolic polymer and consists essentially~~ consists essentially of phosphate ions, fluorometallate ions, amino-phenolic polymer and water, wherein the amino-phenolic polymer is present in the anti-corrosive composition in an amount of 0.1-150 g/L.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the amino-phenolic polymer is provided as a solution with an acid selected from the group consisting of fluorotitanic acid, phosphoric acid, and fluorozirconic acid and the ratio of the amino-phenolic polymer and the acid is 1.0:1.0 to 50:1.0.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for the temporary anti-corrosive treatment of metal surface that consist predominately of aluminum and/or zinc, said method comprising:

a) placing the surface of the metal in contact with an anti-corrosive composition comprising 2.0-400 g/L phosphate ions, 6.0-400 g/L fluorometallate ions, and having a pH of between 1.0-4.0 for a predetermined period of time;

b) drying the anti-corrosive treatment composition on the metal surface to form a primary passivating coating on the metal surface;

c) removing the primary passivating coating from the metal surface; and

d) conversion coating the metal surface, after the primary passivating coating has been removed from the metal surface[[-]]; and

e) coating the metal surface with an organic coating.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the surface of the metal is in contact with the anti-corrosive composition for a time period of between 0.1-2.0 seconds.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the anti-corrosive composition further comprises 0.1-150 g/L amino-phenolic polymer.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the temperature of the anti-corrosive composition during step a) is 20-66°C.